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SUBJ: KOFI AWOONOR RELEASED FROM PRISON

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1. GHANAIAAN TIMES AND DAILY GRAPHIC CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORIES OCT 22 ON RELEASE OF KOFI AWOONOR FROM PRISON. ACCORDING TO STORIES, SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) GRANTED AWOONOR A REMISSION OF HIS SENTENCE AND GAVE HIM PERMISSION TO RETURN TO HIS TEACHING DUTIES AT UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST.

2. DAILY GRAPHIC CARRIED SHORT EDITORIAL PRAISING SMC'S "MAGNAMINITY"

IN RELEASING AWOONOR FROM PRISON. EDITORIAL CLOSES WITH CALL FOR AWOONOR TO RECIPROCATATE GOVERNMENT'S KIND GESTURE BY RETURNING TO HIS LECTURESHIP AND HELPING "MOTHER GHANA IN HER PERIOD OF RECONSTRUCTION."

3. COMMENT: AWOONOR SEEMS TO HAVE SOMETHING OF A FOLLOWING IN GHANA AND HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE VERY DEFINITE IDEAS AS TO WHERE THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE GOING POLITICALLY. SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WILL REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO PLAY SOME ROLE SHOULD THE SMC DECIDE RETURN THE GOVERNMENT TO CIVILIANS. HOWEVER, THE CONVENTIONAL
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WISDOM HERE IS THAT AS SOON AS THE GOVERNMENT GIVES AWOONOR

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL, HE WILL RETURN TO THE U.S. LINEHAN

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